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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated July 22, 2005. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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